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ON THE MOON!**

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THE DRAFENING ROAR OF THE MIGHTY ROCKET'S ENGINES LESSENS AS THE AIR RAPIDLY LEAKS OUT OF THE UNSEALED CABIN. THE NUMBING COLD OF THE UPPER ATMOSPHERE WASHES OVER A HALF-CONSCIOUS SPIDER-MAN--THE ONLY PASSENGER IN THIS ONE-WAY RIDE TO DEATH!

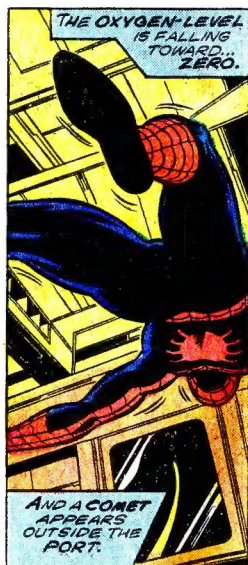
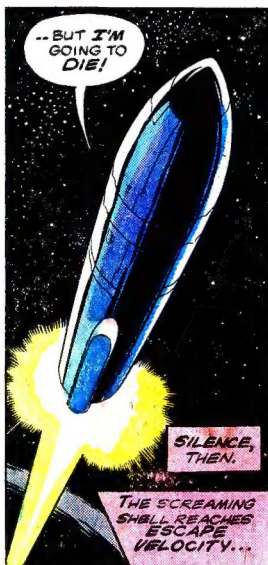
M-MARY JANE!  
W-WHAT...ARE...YOU...  
DOING...HERE ?  
HOWCUM...G-GRAVITY  
ISN'T...KILLING...  
YOU--

--THE...WAY...  
IT'S...KILLING...  
ME !?!



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A COMET THAT  
COMES CLOSER.

CLOSER.

UNTIL...

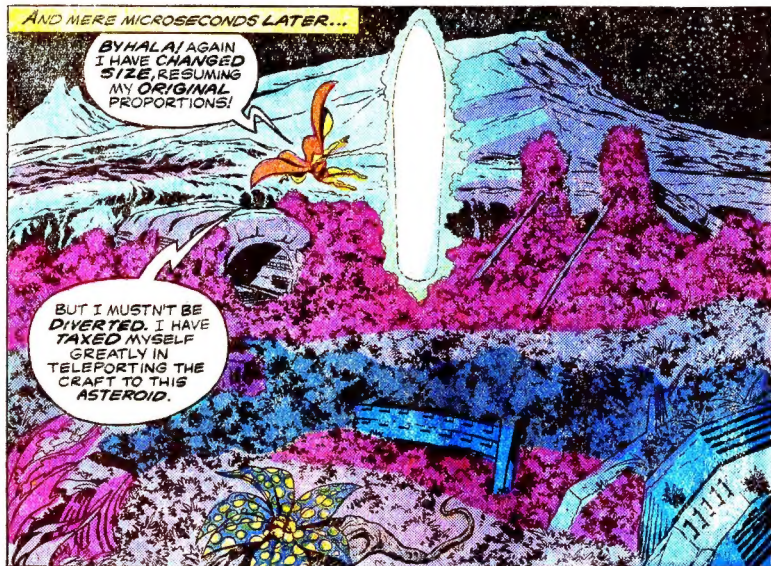
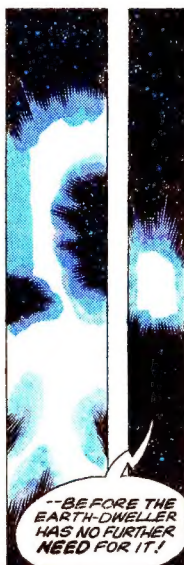
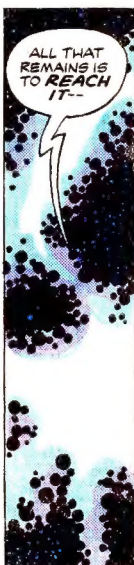
BY THANOS! A  
SPACECRAFT  
LAUNCHED FROM  
TERRA...AND I  
DETECT THE PULSE  
OF LIFE WITHIN  
IT--!

--A PULSE THAT  
IS RAPIDLY  
FADING!!

FOR ALL OF YOU OUT THERE  
WHO MIGHT NOT (PERISH  
THE THOUGHT) KNOW WHO  
OUR NEW ARRIVAL IS...THE  
GENTLEMAN'S NAME IS...

**WARLOCK!**







IT WILL TAKE CAREFUL  
CONCENTRATION TO  
REASSEMBLE ITS  
MOLECULAR  
STRUCTURE--

--AND SET  
IT DOWN--



--GENTLY...?



WHAT? THAT  
CRASH WAS  
NOT MY  
DOING!

IT WAS ALMOST AS IF MY  
SOUL GEM OBEYED AN  
OUTSIDE COMMAND  
TO FAIL ME!

BUT THE CRAFT  
WAS SPARED!



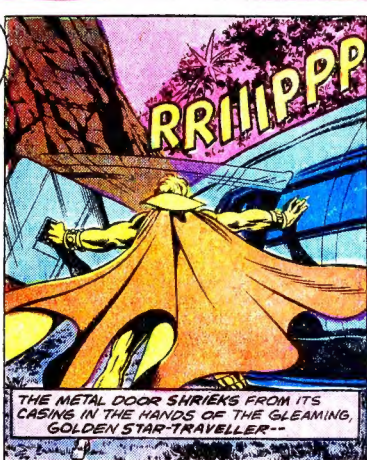
SKREEEEEE

A HATCH  
BEGINS TO OPEN  
SLOWLY ALMOST  
PAINFULLY!



ITS MECHANISMS  
MUST HAVE  
BEEN FUSED  
BY THE HEAT  
OF LAUNCHING!

BUT I WOULD  
SEE WHAT  
MANNER OF  
BEING I HAVE  
RESCUED  
FROM AIRLESS  
SPACE!



RRRIIPPP

THE METAL DOOR SHRIEKS FROM ITS  
CASING IN THE HANDS OF THE GLEAMING,  
GOLDEN STAR-TRAVELLER--





-- BY SEVERING THE SYMBIOTIC  
TIE THAT BINDS THEM TOGETHER  
IN THE ONLY WAY POSSIBLE--  
WITH ADAM WARLOCK'S DEATH!!

I HAVE COME FOR  
THE EMERALD  
GEM THAT THROBS  
AT YOUR BROW,  
GOLDEN ONE.

MEN CALL  
ME-- THE  
STRANGER!

NOW I  
KNOW WHY  
YOU SHRIEKED  
IN DELIGHT,  
ACCURSED  
GEM!

THOUGH I  
ALREADY HAVE  
ACQUIRED ONE  
SUCH GEM, I  
COVET THEM  
ALL!

UH, SKIP  
THE LIFT I  
THINK I'LL  
CALL A  
CAB!

YOU ARE KNOWN IN THE  
FAR CORNERS OF THE  
GALAXY, STRANGER,  
AS A POWER TO BE  
FEARED!

BUT I FEAR  
YOU NOT!

THEN YOU ARE A FOOL!  
ALL THE BETTER, FOR  
THE GEM YOU BEAR IS  
ONE OF THE SIX--

--AND ITS POWER  
MUST BELONG  
TO ME!

NEEEVERRRR

WOW! ONE ZAP  
AND GOLDEN  
BOY'S OUT!

I DON'T KNOW  
WHAT A FRIENDLY  
NEIGHBORHOOD  
SPIDER-MAN  
CAN DO AGAINST  
POWER LIKE THE  
STRANGER'S--





--BUT  
HERE'S  
WHERE  
I  
FIND  
OUT!



A HUMAN  
DARING TO  
INTERFERE  
IN A  
BATTLE  
COSMIC??!



THEN  
YOU  
NEVER  
MET  
ME,  
CHUM...



--'CAUSE  
I'M MR.  
INSECURITY  
HIMSELF!

SILENCE,  
FLEA! I AM  
NOT AMUSED  
AND TIME  
GROWS  
SHORT!



YOU MEAN  
WE'RE  
KEEPING  
YOU FROM  
SOMETHING  
IMPORTANT?

WELL, WHY  
DON'T YOU  
RUN ALONG  
AND WE'LL GET  
TOGETHER  
WHEN IT'S  
MORE CON-  
VENIENT--



-- SAY IN 500 YEARS  
OR SO? HUH? PLEASE?

WHAT MADNESS  
POSSESSES YOU,  
HUMAN?

JUST THE  
SAME OLD  
MADNESS,  
HIGHPOCKETS!

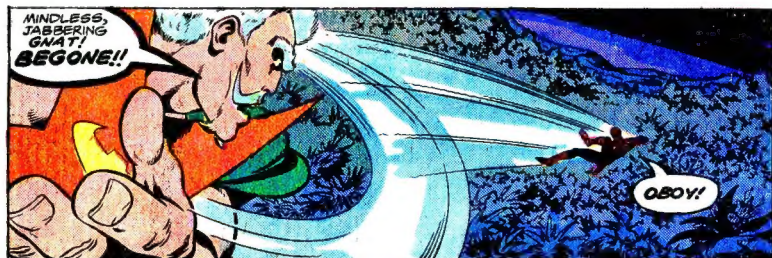


HEY!  
NO  
FAIR!

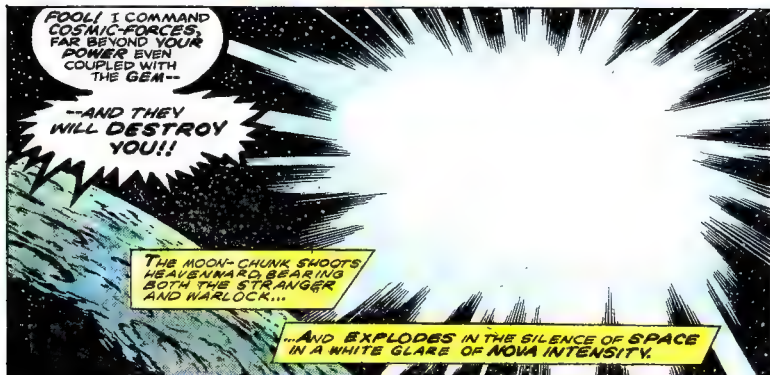
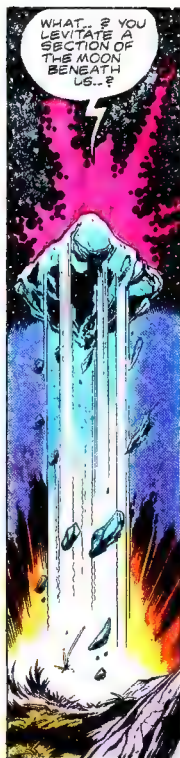
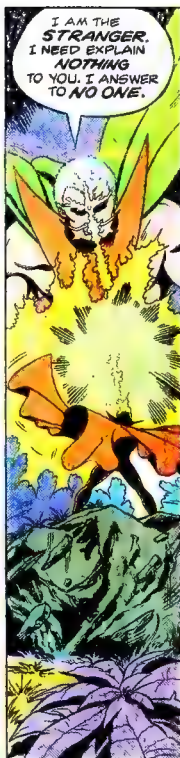
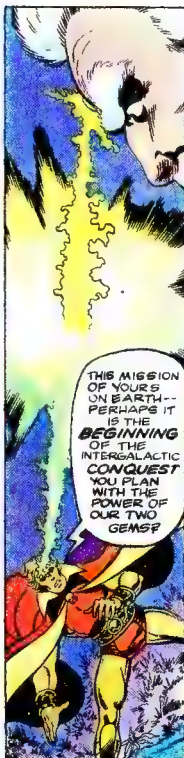
YOU  
GREW  
SOME!!



DON'T SQUEEZE,  
IT WAS ONLY A  
PUN!







AND AFTER THE GLARE, ONLY ONE FIGURE GOES IN STUNNED, EYEBALLS BULGING, FALLING BACK.

WARLOCK'S BODY GAINS SPEED, STRIKING THE CANOPY OF AIR OVER ONE AREA OF THE MOON WITH TREMENDOUS FORCE--

-- AND BURNING WITH THE HEAT OF RE-ENTRY--

--UNTIL--

!MOOHM

IT IS DONE! HE COULD NOT HAVE KNOWN THAT I WOULD DEMOLECULARIZE AND EXPLODE THE MOON-CHUNK AROUND HIM--

--WHILE I REASSEMBLED SAFELY BELOW-- NOW TO REMOVE HIS SOUL GEM AND CONTINUE MY MISSION!

A PITY IT MEANS ENDING HIS LIFE, AS WELL!

CUT TO...

AH, SO YOU ARE AWAKE AT LAST. GOOD, GOOD!

HUM? WHERE AM I? AND WHO IN BLAZES ARE YOU??

I? I AM THE GARDENER, AND YOU ARE ON YOUR EARTH'S MOON, OF COURSE--

--IN THE BLUE AREA, TO BE MORE PRECISE. I MADE USE OF ITS OXYGEN TO SOW MY GARDEN-- WITH SPECTACULAR RESULTS, AS I'M SURE YOU'VE SEEN.

ALL WAS BARREN UNTIL I ARRIVED.

I PLANTED AND TENDED MY GARDEN, MADE IT A PLACE OF LIFE... OF PEACE--

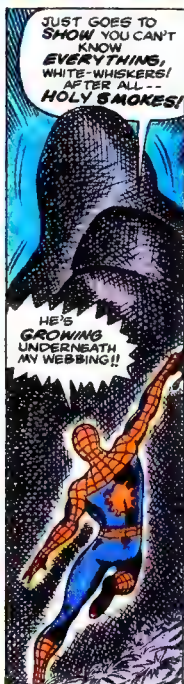
--AND THEN HE CAME!\*

STAY BACK, LITTLE ONE! IT IS THE STRANGER!

BUT WITH ALL SPACE TO WANDER, WHAT CAN HE BE SEEKING HERE?











AND WHILE THE BATTLE RAGES...

THE STRANGER WILL TAKE WARLOCK'S GEM--- AND HIS LIFE...AND LEAVE, CONTENTED THE GARDEN WILL KNOW PEACE AGAIN.

I NEED ONLY DO NOTHING.



FLEA! YOU PROLONG YOUR LIFE ONLY BY SECONDS WITH THIS INSANITY!

YEAH, BUT ISN'T IT FUN?



I HAVE MASKED THE POWER EMANATIONS WHICH DREW HIM HERE. I AM SAFE!

FOR, HE, CAME, NOT SEEKING WARLOCK'S GEM--



-- BUT NONE!

NO. I CAN NOT WATCH ANOTHER DIE IN MY STEAD. EVEN IF IT MEANS THE END OF THE GARDEN... I MUST ACT.



BY THE STARWAYS! WHAT NEW DELAY...?

THE VEGETATION OF THIS WORLD TWINES ITSELF ABOUT ME!



I HEAR A VOICE SPEAKING TELEPATHICALLY-- DENYING ME THAT WHICH I MUST HAVE!

IT IS A VOICE OF POWER-- AND THIS WORLD IS AT ITS COMMAND!



WITH EACH STRIKE THE STRANGER SENDS WAVES OF PAIN THROUGH MY CREATIONS--

--AND, HENCE, THROUGH ME AS WELL. FOR I AM OF THE GARDEN... I AM THE GARDEN--

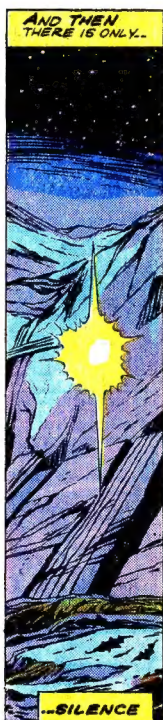
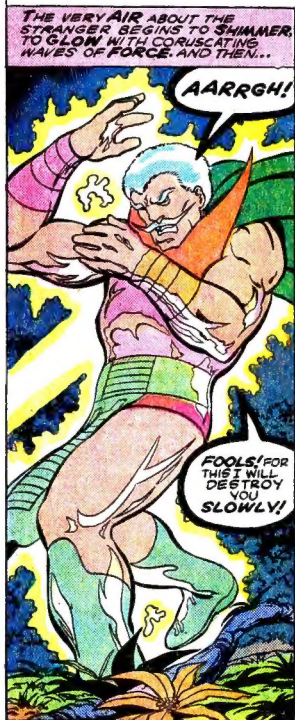


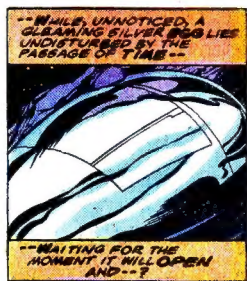
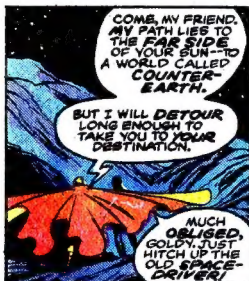
"--BUT IF WE DIE, WE DIE DEFIANT!!"

THIS IS MADNESS! I AM ATTACKED BY A WORLD!!









**NEXT: ENTER DAREDEVIL...** AND TWO SUPER-VILLAINS BOUND TO MAKE YOUR BLOOD RUN HOT... AND COLD! AS FOR THE STRANGER'S MYSTERIOUS MISSION--TUNE INTO THE PAGES OF **THE CHAMPIONS #12!**